

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT

Administration

PRESENTED BY Christy Doon - City Administrator

DATE March 19, 2024

ITEM

Main Street LIVE Grant Application

BACKGROUND

The Department of Local Affairs has recently announced a new grant, focused on downtowns. The Main Street LIVE: Livability Investments for Vibrant Economies will fund planning, design engineering, and construction of Main Street public infrastructure and facilities. The program is a reinvestment in core main street downtowns and enhancement of long-term sustainability, supporting the development of housing and attracting workforce to create a more vibrant and livable commercial core.

Eligible projects include infrastructure and streetscapes, sidewalks, stormwater, streetscape and placemaking improvements, including benches, accessibility improvements, parklets and downtown wayfinding. Staff is applying for funding to implement the intersection improvements planned for 2025 on F Street. These improvements include improving ADA accessibility, installing bollards and creating a more pedestrian-friendly area.

Applications are due April 1, 2024. Awards are expected in July.

FISCAL NOTE

Fifteen million dollars is available in the program. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$800,000 and staff is able to, and will, apply for 75% of the project costs (\$600,000).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve the Main Street LIVE grant application.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should make a motion to "combine and approve the items on the consent agenda" followed by a second and a roll call vote.